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SUBJECT: U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (AFDF)

1. THE U.S. HOPES TO BE IN A POSITION TO ASSUME MEMBER-
SHIP IN THE AFDF SOON. TO
ASSIST US IN MAKING OUR PLANS FOR JOINING, WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING IF YOU ENVISION THAT FUND MANAGEMENT WOULD EXPECT
TO HAVE FORMAL CEREMONY WHEN U.S. JOINS THE FUND.

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2. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOW-
ING QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO ACCURATELY GAUGE J.S. POSITION
VIS-A-VIS OTHER MEMBERS.

-- A. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF AFDF REPLENISHMENT? SPECIFICALLY, WHICH MEMBER STATES HAVE RATIFIED THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRST GENERAL REPLENISHMENT, AND WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR ADDITIONAL RATIFICATIONS?

-- B. HAS U.K'S FOUR MILLION U.A. SUBSCRIPTION PLEDGED TO THE SPECIAL GENERAL INCREASE BEEN RATIFIED?

3. TO DATE, SECRETARIAT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF IMF/IBRD, SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4-8, IN MANILA, HAS NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK REPRESENTATION.

WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY WOULD ASCERTAIN IF AFDB PRESIDENT, DR. KWAME FORDWOR, OR OTHER BANK OFFICIALS PLAN TO ATTEND. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFICS. IF FORDWOR DOES ATTEND, WE MAY SEEK A MEETING WITH HIM FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING U.S. FUND MEMBERSHIP. ROBINSON

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